



## Lesson #5: The Danger of Foolish Friendships (2 Samuel 13)

Foolish friendships will destroy your home, they will destroy your relationships with your parents, they will destroy your prospects for the future, etc. etc. Proverbs 12:26 instructs us to choose our friends very carefully for “the way of the \_\_\_\_\_ leads \_\_\_\_\_.” There are a lot of dangers that can destroy your life but nothing can more quickly drive you towards destructions than a \_\_\_\_\_.

The story of Amnon has been preserved for us by inspiration and is an account in which one is hardly able to study without blushing. The expression in 2 Samuel 13:3, “*But Amnon had a \_\_\_\_\_*,” is an arresting statement. If it had not been for that friend (Jonadab), Amnon might have been kept from committing a terrible sin. This afternoon I want to give you some five instructions from this passage that will help you to know what kinds of friends you should avoid lest you destroy your life.

### 1. A foolish friend pushes you towards what you know is \_\_\_\_\_

You know your friend is a foolish friend if he helps you hatch a plan to get you something that you know is wrong. Amnon knew that the desire of his heart was wrong! You could translate the last part of verse 2 as “*It was \_\_\_\_\_ for Amnon to do anything to her.*” This was an illicit desire of his heart and he could have stopped there .... But “Amnon had a friend.” **No one is your friend who encourages you to do what you already know is a \_\_\_\_\_.**

### 2. A foolish friend helps you \_\_\_\_\_ your sinful escapades

Jonadab listened to the evil thoughts and desires of Amnon and instead of warning, “Woah there Amnon. You’re going off on the wrong track now buddy!” He said, “Now, let me see what I can do to help you get what you want” (13:3). In the name of not being less \_\_\_\_\_ Jonadab pushed Amnon to be more \_\_\_\_\_. Jonadab was teaching Amnon HOW to sin!

What is the influence of your friend? Do you find it easier to sin when you are around him? **Anybody who comes to you with a plan that has \_\_\_\_\_ at the end of it is not your friend.**

### 3. A foolish friend participates off your \_\_\_\_\_ members

A foolish friend doesn’t mind dividing your family. If you read this story you are going to find that Amnon’s choices have serious ramifications in his family. Obviously Tamar (his half-sister) is seriously hurt but additionally Absalom (his half-brother) wants him dead and eventually acts on that wish, and his David (his father) is broken hearted because of his actions.

There are young people who will listen to the influence of “friends” over the influence of those who have made the greatest \_\_\_\_\_ in their lives. Foolish friends \_\_\_\_\_ families. **No one is your friend who encourages you to do what is going to create a problem for you, your family, and your relationships.**

### 4. A foolish friend pulls away when the \_\_\_\_\_ come

Do you know where Jonadab was when the consequences started to come? You go over to verse 31 and you start to get an idea. Jonadab was busy explaining the situation to King David as if he had \_\_\_\_\_ to do with it. Nothing could be further from the truth. Jonadab hadn’t been interested in helping Amnon remain pure. Jonadab counseled Amnon to fulfill the lust of the flesh. Jonadab could have spoken a word of \_\_\_\_\_, but he spoke a word of \_\_\_\_\_. But now that the king was angry where was Jonadab? He was busy covering his tracks!

**No one is your friend who pushes you into trouble and then \_\_\_\_\_ you when the axe falls.**

### 5. A foolish friend pushes you towards what you know is \_\_\_\_\_

Sometimes we don’t think we’ve been caught when we sin. Sometimes we think we got \_\_\_\_\_ with it! \_\_\_\_\_ years went by for Amnon after he assaulted his sister. \_\_\_\_\_ years where Tamar lived in grief while Amnon walked the halls of the palace like nothing was wrong. But can sin go unpunished? If it has not been covered by the grace of God through repentance sin has the ability to come back and stalk us down! Tamar’s brother (Absalom) was so angry at Amnon that he hatched a plan to kill Amnon (13:28).

Where do your friends take you? Have you considered that those who are trapped in sin often got there because of “bad company.” **No one is your friend who \_\_\_\_\_ leads you in the paths of destruction.**

#### Concluding Thoughts

Do you have foolish friends? Foolish friends often lead to wrong often ....

... Lead to wrong \_\_\_\_\_.

... Give bad \_\_\_\_\_.

... Lead to a lack of \_\_\_\_\_.

Do you have a Jonadab as a friend? Foolish friends will destroy your life! Every person should carefully test their friendships.